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Family Records Series, Part III

[FC001-F] Edison, Thomas A., Jr. (1890-1898)

Family Records Series – Correspondence

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[FC001-F] Edison, Thomas A., Jr. (1890-1898)

Description
This folder consists primarily of letters from Thomas A. Edison, Jr. (1876-1935) to his stepmother, Mina Miller Edison. The letters cover the years 1890-1898. The earliest letters relate to Thomas's education at St. Paul's School in Concord, New Hampshire. There are also letters written while he was working for his father at the New Jersey & Pennsylvania Concentrating works in Ogden (Edison), New Jersey. One letter, written four days after Thomas's twenty-first birthday, on January 14, 1897, announces his intention not to return to Ogden. "I feel that I never have pleased you in any thing I ever have done," he writes, "but I never will be satisfied untill I do and this will be my sole and only aim in this world."

The remaining 24 letters date from the period January 1897-January 1898. (An additional 27 letters for this period can be found in the Charles Edison Fund Collection, and the letters from both collections are characterized in this note.) Included are letters pertaining to his trip to the Midwest and South in January-February; his brief return to the mill during the Spring; his trip to the Adirondacks in June-July; his six-week stay at Chautauqua in August-September; his move to Asbury Park, New Jersey, at the end of September; and the organization of a company in New York City in October to market the "Edison Jr. Improved" lamp. The letters from this period are filled with self-deprecating remarks by Thomas about his inability to live up to the expectations of his father, his feelings of being unloved and out of place in the Edison household in West Orange, and his fear that he is losing his mind. There are several allusions to romantic involvements, as well as references to Thomas's desire to further his education and attend college.

Additional letters by Thomas A. Edison, Jr., can be found in the Charles Edison Fund Collection and the David E. E. Sloane Collection. Some of the letters in the CEF Collection, scanned from the microfilm, are now in the possession of the Thomas Edison National Historical Park.

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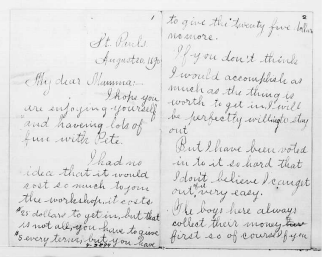

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Author
Edison, Thomas Alva, Jr

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- St Paul's School
- Edison, Charles
- Edison, Thomas Alva

Date
1890-08-20

Type
Letter

Subject

- Edison-Miller family
- Finances (TAE and family)
- Education

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St. Pauls.

August 20. 1890

My dear Mamma:—

I hope you are enjoying yourself and having lots of fun with Pete.

I had no idea that it would cost so much to join the workshop, it costs $25 dollars to get in, but that is not all, you have to give $5 every term, but you have

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to give the twenty five dollars no more.

If you don't think I would accomplish as much as the thing is worth to get in, I will be perfectly willing to stay out

But I have been voted in to it so hard that I don't believe I can get out, and very easy.

The boys here always collect their money ~~here~~ first so of course if you

will send the money as soon as you can or send me a letter I will be very much obliged.

I was so homesick the other day that I went up in my room and cried as hard as I could and I don't feel a bit homesick to day.

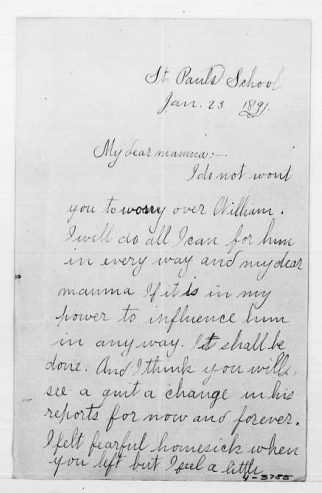
I have had every lesson perfect this week except my Arithmetic which I stood 38 out of 45
I have nearly ~~forgot~~ forgotton every thing I knew last

winter but my memory is slowly coming backs to me again.

Well mamma I guess I will close now with much love to you, papa and Pete

Your son

Thomas A. Edison Jr.


St. Paul's School
Jan. 23 1891.

My dear mamma—
I do not want
you to worry over William.
I will do all I can for him
in every way and my dear
mamma if it is in my
power to influence him
in any way. It shall be
done. And I think you will
see a gut a change in his
reports for now and forever.
I felt fearful homesick when
you left but I feel a little

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Title
[FC001AAB], Letter from Thomas Alva Edison, Jr. to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, January 23rd, 1891

Author
Edison, Thomas Alva, Jr

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- St Paul's School
- Edison, William Leslie

Date
1891-01-23

Type
Letter

Subject

- Edison–Miller family
- Education

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St. Pauls School
Jan. 23 1891.

My dear mamma:—
I do not want
you to worry over William.
I will do all I can for him
in every way and my dear
mamma if it is in my
power to influence him
in any way. It shall be
done. And I think you will
see a quit a change in his
reports for now and forever.
I felt fearful homesick when
you left but I feel a little

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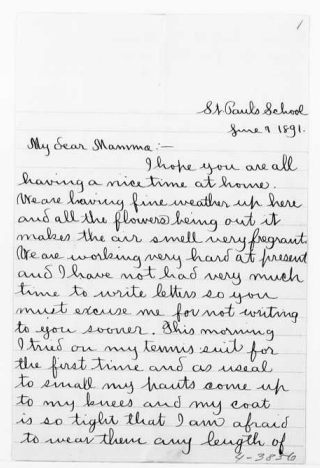
better now. I will try to write very often If I can.

Well mamma this is a short note but a sure one.

So I guess I will say good by with much love from us both.

Thomas.


St Pauls School
June 7 1891.
My Dear Mamma:—
I hope you are all having a nice time at home. We are having fine weather up here and all the flowers being out it makes the air smell very fragrant. We are working very hard at present and I have not had very much time to write letters so you must excuse me for not writing to you sooner. This morning I tried on my tennis suit for the first time and as usual to small my pants come up to my knees and my coat is so tight that I am afraid to wear them any length of

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Title
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Author
Edison, Thomas Alva, Jr

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- St Paul's School
- Miller, Theodore Westwood
- Miller, John Vincent
- Edison, William Leslie
- Coit, Henry Augustus

Date
1891-06-07

Type
Letter

Subject

- Edison-Miller family
- Sports, leisure, recreation
- Finances (TAE and family)
- Travel (TAE and family)

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St Pauls School
June 7 1891.

My Dear Mamma:—

I hope you are all having a nice time at home. We are having fine weather up here and all the flowers being out it makes the air smell very fragrant. We are working very hard at present and I have not had very much time to write letters so you must excuse me for not writing to you sooner. This morning I tried on my tennis suit for the first time and as useal to small my hants come up to my knees and my coat is so tight that I am afraid to wear them any length of

time. but it is plenty large enough for William "who is very anxious to have them". We play tennis a great deal here and we enjoy it very much indeed. Are the boys coming up to Glenmont the spring mamma do you know? P Mr Boit will not let me go down to the work shop very much now so I am sorry to say I have not accomplished very much this term. I suppose you know that every Sunday might shake hands with every master in the School and by the time we are through why our hands are pretty sore so you must excuse my writing. Mr. Boit told all the boys last night that they should send home for money enought

so if you will send enoug for us both we will be very much obliged we start at four oclock in the morning on the 19th day of June. Well mamma I guess I will close so I will say good by We both send love to yo all

Thomas A. Edison Jr

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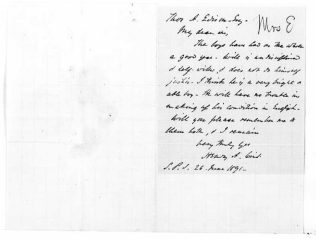

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Title
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Author

- St Paul's School
- Coit, Henry Augustus

Recipient
Edison, Thomas Alva

Mentioned

- Edison, Thomas Alva, Jr
- Edison, William Leslie
- Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Date
1891-06-26

Type
Letter

Subject

- Edison-Miller family
- Education

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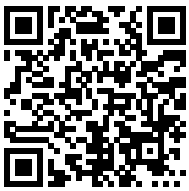

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Thos A. Edison Esq.

Mrs E

My dear sir,

The boys have had on the whole a good year - Will is an industrious & tidy little fellow, & does not require much pushing - I think he is a very bright & able boy - He will have no trouble in making up his condition in English -

Will you please remember me to them both, & I remain

Very truly yrs

Mary A. Bird

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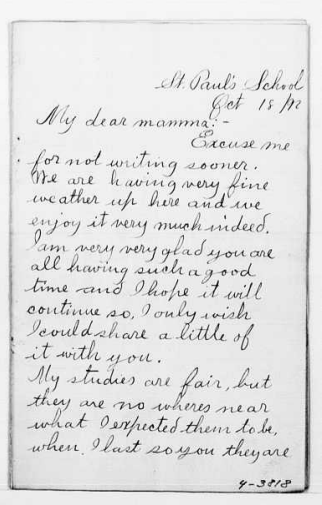
St. Paul's School
Oct 18/92
My dear mamma:-
Excuse me
for not writing sooner.
We are having very fine
weather up here and we
enjoy it very much indeed.
I am very very glad you are
all having such a good
time and I hope it will
continue so, I only wish
I could share a little of
it with you.
My studies are fair, but
they are no where near
what I expected them to be,
when I last saw you they are
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Author
Edison, Thomas Alva, Jr

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- St Paul's School
- Edison, William Leslie
- Coit, Henry Augustus
- Edison, Marion Estelle

Date
1892-10-18

Type
Letter

Subject

- Edison–Miller family
- Sports, leisure, recreation
- Education

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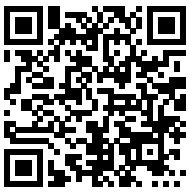

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St. Paul's School
Oct 18 /11

My dear mamma:-

Excuse me for not writing sooner. We are having very fine weather up here and we enjoy it very much indeed. I am very very glad you are all having such a good time and I hope it will continue so. I only wish I could share a little of it with you.

My studies are fair, but they are no wheres near what I expected them to be, when I last saw you they are

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exactly the same that day as they are now, the Rector has not done anything which he said he would, which makes me feel very badly.
Our suits are very nice indeed, fitting beautifully in every way. Will and I have made a vow, and that is;- which ever keeps their clothes the best and at the end of the term are the best "which shall be judged by you" will be rewarded by a five pound box of candy which shall be furnished by the defeated competitor.

Our bycycles are in fine order, as I have said before, "of which you doubted or still doubt our word" and we often take long rides on them through the country admiring the beautiful country, of which there is no doubt, you could imagine, is charming.
Our canoe has arrived and we go out quite often in it and enjoy the pleasure of skipping around the ponds "other words lakes" very much indeed. I have at last decided not to go into foot-ball this year.

because it is entirly, to rough a game for me there is no possible use upon the face of the earth getting a leg or some other wound, when there is so many other things to do just as much fun in and ~~get~~ more safer. Every spare moment I have I draw pictures sometime of engines and boats and a great many other things. I drew a steamer the other day which the boys say I ought to feel proud of, and I sent it in to get a little frame put around it, is that all right?

I want to send it to Marion. I suppose I should have asked you about it before I sent it in, but I forgot all about it. You must not think mamma I have forgotten you in sending you a picture. I am drawing one now for you which I hope to finish in a few days if not sooner.

Well mamma I guess I will close hoping to hear from you soon love to all, good-bye

Tom

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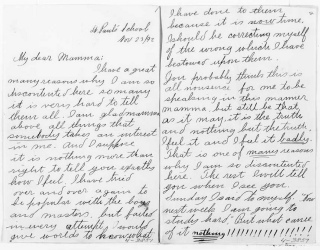

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Edison, Thomas Alva, Jr

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- St Paul's School
- Edison, William Leslie
- Edison, Thomas Alva

Date
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- Edison–Miller family
- Education

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St. Paul's School
Nov 23/92

My dear Mamma:

I have a great many reasons why I am so discontented here so many it is very hard to tell them all. I am glad mamma above all things that somebody takes an interest in me. And I suppose it is nothing more than right to tell you exactly how I feel. I have tried over and over again to be popular with the boys and masters. but failed in every attempt, I would give worlds to know what

I have done to them because it is now time, I should be correcting myself of the wrong which I have bestowed upon them.

You probably think this is all nonsence for me to be speaking in this manner mamma. but still be that as it may, it is the truth and nothing but the truth. I feel it and I feel it badly. That is one of many reasons why I am so discontented here. The rest I will tell you when I see you. Sunday I said to myself. "Now next week I am going to study hard." But what came of it nothing!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

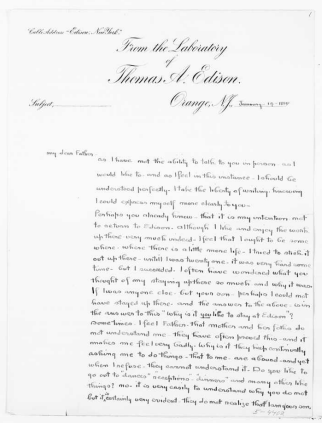
I am glad to say that Will is getting along beautifully. He said last night that is going to finish here or die. I only wish I could appreciate the same remark. Well mamma I guess I will close hoping to here from you soon I remain your loving son as ever.

Tom

Kisses and love to you all

P.S.

Tell papa I am going to write to him soon.



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Author
Edison, Thomas Alva, Jr

Recipient
Edison, Thomas Alva

Mentioned

- New Jersey and Pennsylvania Concentrating Works
- Randolph, John F
- Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Date
1897-01-14

Type
Letter

Subject

- Edison-Miller family
- TAE personality and character
- Finances (TAE and family)
- Labor

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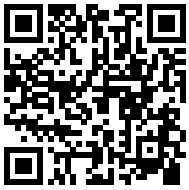

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Cable Address "Edison, New York."

From the Laboratory
of
Thomas A. Edison.

Subject, _____ Orange, N.J., January 14 1895

my dear Father -

as I have not the ability to talk to you in person as I would like to and as I feel in this instance I should be understood perfectly. I take the liberty of writing, knowing I could express myself more clearly to you -

Perhaps you already know that it is my intention not to return to Edison although I like and enjoy the work up there very much indeed - I feel that I ought to be some where where there is a little more life - I tried to stick it out up there until I was twenty one - it was very hard some time - but I succeeded. I often have wondered what you thought of my staying up there so much and why it was. If I was anyone else but your son perhaps I could not have stayed up there and the answer to the above is in the answer to this "Why is it you like to stay at Edison"? Sometimes I feel Father that mother and her folks do not understand me they have often proved this and it makes me feel very badly. Why is it they keep continually asking me to do things that to me are absurd and yet when I refuse they cannot understand it. Do you like to go out to "dances" "receptions" "dinners" and many other like things? no it is very easily to understand why you do not but it is certainly very evident they do not realize that I am your son.

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Cable Address "Edison, New York."

From the Laboratory
of
Thomas A. Edison.

Subject,_____ Orange, N.J.,_____

However - they can keep on asking - if they wish - they will get tired after a while - It pains me very much to ask this of you Father - for I have asked you so many times - and you have always been so kind to me - but since I do not intend to return to Edison. I would very much like to have something to do - I will be only too glad to do anything you want me to and I will always do my best - as I always have tried to do - I feel that I never have pleased you in anything I ever have done - but I never will be satisfied until I do - and this will be my sole and only aim in this world - if I can do this - I will wish for nothing more - I may not succeed - but I can and will try - this is all I can do - I dont believe I will ever be able to talk to you the way I would like to - because you are so far my superior in every way that when I am in your presence - I am perfectly helpless - you no doubt have noticed this yourself - but perhaps some day this may be different - Now Father you may not have anything you could start me in right away - perhaps not for several months - or a year - but in the mean-time I will be making my time useful - by some other means - for I much rather wait until I could start in something - that I could go right ahead with - and not begin something right away - which I would have to drop - for something better later on - but its not a case of what I want - no indeed - its what you choose to give me. And remember Father - that I feel that I never have pleased you - all I will ever ask of you - is a chance to try.
I see that Randolph is fixing up my "estate" - I wish to thank you very much for allowing it to be settled so soon - Hoping every thing is proving satisfactory at Edison - I remain Your devoted and faithful son as ever

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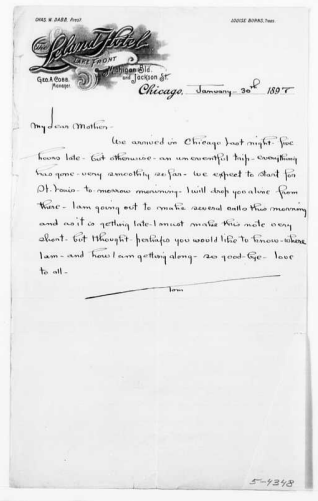

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Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

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The Leland Hotel
LAKE FRONT
Michigan Blvd. and Jackson St.
Geo. A Cobb. Manager.

Chicago, January 30th 1897

My dear Mother -

We arrived in Chicago last night five hours late - but otherwise - an uneventful trip - everything has gone very smoothly so far - we expect to start for St. Louis to-morrow morning - I will drop you a line from there - I am going out to make several calls this morning and as it is getting late - I must make this note very short - but I thought perhaps you would like to know where I am - and how I am getting along - so good-bye - love to all -

Tom

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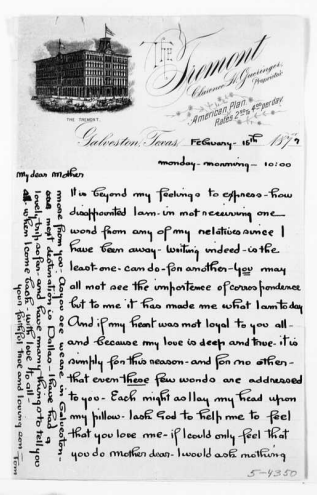
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Galveston, Texas. February 15th 1897
monday morning 10:00
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And if my heart was not loyal to you all and because my love is deep and true it is simply for this reason and for no other that even these few words are addressed to you Each night as I lay my head upon my pillow I ask God to help me to feel that you love me if I could only feel that you do mother dear I would ask nothing
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Edison, Thomas Alva, Jr

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

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- Travel (TAE and family)

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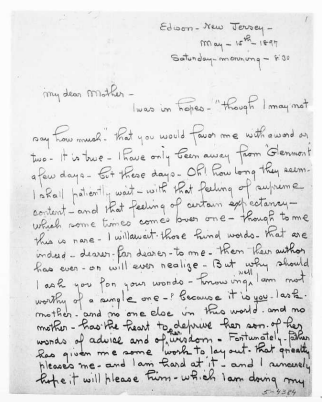

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Author
Edison, Thomas Alva, Jr

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned
Edison, Thomas Alva

Date
1897-05-15

Type
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Subject

- Edison–Miller family
- TAE personality and character
- Labor

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Edison - New Jersey -
May - 15th - 1897
Saturday - morning - 8:30

my dear Mother -

I was in hopes - "though I may not say how much" - that you would favor me with a word or two - It is true - I have only been away from "Glenmont" a few days - but these days - Oh! how long they seem - I shall patiently wait - with that feeling of supreme content - and that feeling of certain expectancy - which some times comes over one - though to me this is rare - I will await those kind words - that are indeed - dearer - far dearer - to me - them their author has ever - or will ever realize - But why should I ask you for your words - knowing well I am not worthy of a single one - ? because it is you - I ask - mother - and no one else in this world - and no mother - has the heart to deprive her son - of her words of advice and of her wisdom - Fortunately - Father has given me some work to lay out - that greatly pleases me - and I am hard at it - and I sincerely hope it will please him - which I am doing my

level best to do - though I probably never will be able to please him - as I am afraid - it is not in me - but I shall never give up trying - if I could only talk to him the way I want to - perhaps - every thing may be different. I have many ideas of my own - which sometimes - yes - I may say on all occasions I would like to ask him - or tell him about but they never leave my mouth - and are soon forgotten - perhaps where they belong - perhaps not. this I would like to have him to decide - well - mother - I have no desire to bother you any longer - but I thought I would - as I deem it quite necessary - though unimportant. that you should know that I still exist - and am thinking of those I love — as I always do - "Thuer sie"

Tom

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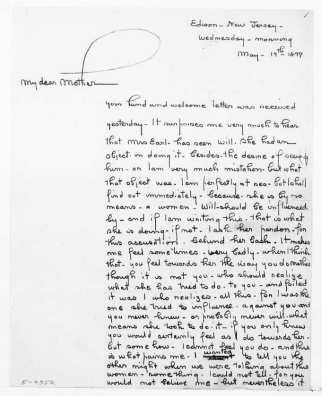

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Author
Edison, Thomas Alva, Jr

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Brush, May
- New Jersey and Pennsylvania Concentrating Works
- Edison, William Leslie
- Earl, Elizabeth F
- Edison, Marion Estelle
- Edison, Thomas Alva

Date
1897-05-19

Type
Letter

Subject

- Edison–Miller family
- TAE personality and character
- Travel (TAE and family)
- Ore milling and separation

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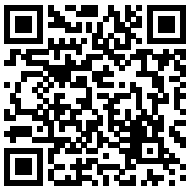

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Edison - New Jersey -
Wednesday - morning
May - 19th - 1897

My dear Mother —

Your kind and welcome letter was received yesterday - It surprises me very much to hear that Mrs Earl - has seen Will. She had an object in doing it. Besides - the desire of seeing him - on I am very much mistaken - but what that object was. I am perfectly at sea - but I shall find out immediately - because she is by no means - a women - Will - should be influenced by - and if I am writing this - that is what she is doing - if not - I ask her pardon - for this accusation - Behind her back - It makes me feel sometimes - very badly - when I think that - you feel towards her the way you do mother though it is not you - who should realize what she has tried to do - to you - and failed it was I who realized - all this - for I was the one she tried to influence - against you - and you never knew - or probably never will - what means she took to do it - if you only knew you would certainly feel as I do towards her - But somehow - I cannot feel you do - and this is what pains me - I ~~meant~~ wanted to tell you the other night when we were talking about this women - something - I could not tell - for you would not believe me - but nevertheless it

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is as true - as I am alive. I will tell you - and you can believe it - or not - just as you choose - it was Mrs Earl that has made Marion feel towards you the way she does - and no one else in this world - and Marion's heart told her that she is doing wrong - and she was on the point several times - of coming back home - and live with us all. But Mrs Earl told her not to - and that settled it - the result is - as it stands to-day - but in Marion's heart - there is and always will be a feeling that she was very wrong - and to-day it is her characteristic obstinancy - that keeps her from us - that is all - You may wonder how I know all these things - but I placed myself in a position - as an non-interested party - and went very deep - in solving - this unfortunate and painful case - and only a part of my knowledge is known to you - the rest would do you no good - and shall never leave my mouth - and I shall ask a personal favor of you mother dear - if you will never mention the name Mrs Earl to me - and please for my own sake - if for no one elses - think of her as I do - for - I despise - and hate her - one who has made me feel so unhappy - she has lost many friends to me - and above all the love of my sister - the cruellest blow my heart as yet received - I ask God to spare

me any worse - my heart is too young to receive these things - and even now it is almost broken - together with the feeling that no one cares for me. who in this world could be happy - ? no indeed - I love but I am not loved. there is only one that I feel loves me. and she is only a girl. and a girl does not. and cannot realize what love is - it is only a foolish fancy - she has. but nevertheless - she says she does. with all her heart - but she is entirely too young to know. what it means - and I treat her love for me accordingly - but it makes me feel very much happier - to think that there is at least one - who cares for me. and says it in the manner she does.

I am getting along very nicely with my seperation of mother & father and fully expect to have it finished in about two weeks - perhaps much sooner - as you already know - I want to go up into the Adirondacks - on the 24th of next month - for about three weeks - some how - I don't like to ask ~~father~~ father to let me go - but that is all the vacation I want this summer. Do you think he would consent mother? I hate to ask him - for he has done too much for me now - but I may have the courage

soon to ask him -
I have written you a long letter mother
and I will expect one in return - hoping
you are all well - with much love to you and
all —

I am as ever

your loving son

Tom

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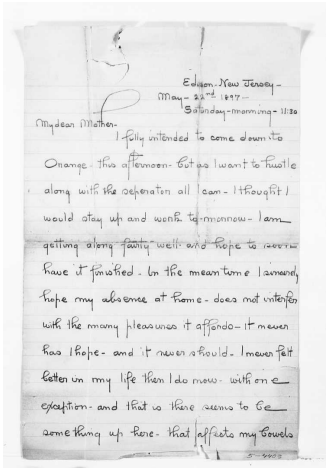

Edison. New Jersey -
May - 22nd 1897 -
Saturday - morning - 11:30

My dear Mather -

I fully intended to come down to Orange this afternoon but as I want to hustle along with the operation all I can - I thought I would stay up and work tomorrow - I am getting along fairly well and hope to soon have it finished - In the meantime I amend, hope my absence at home does not interfere with the many pleasures it affords - it never has I hope - and it never should - I never felt better in my life than I do now - with one exception - and that is there seems to be something up here that affects my bowels

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Author
Edison, Thomas Alva, Jr

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- New Jersey and Pennsylvania Concentrating Works
- Edison, William Leslie
- Earl, Elizabeth F

Date
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Type
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Subject

- Edison–Miller family
- Visual arts
- Health and medicine
- Ore milling and separation

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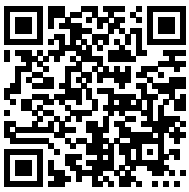

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May - 22nd - 1897 -
Saturday - morning - 11:30

My dear Mother -

I fully intended to come down to Orange - this afternoon - but as I want to hustle along with the operation all I can - I thought I would stay up and work to-morrow - I am getting along fairly well and hope to soon have it finished - In the mean time I sincerely hope my absence at home - does not interfer with the many pleasures it affords - It never has I hope - and it never should - I never felt better in my life then I do now - with one exception - and that is there seems to be something up here - that affects my bowels

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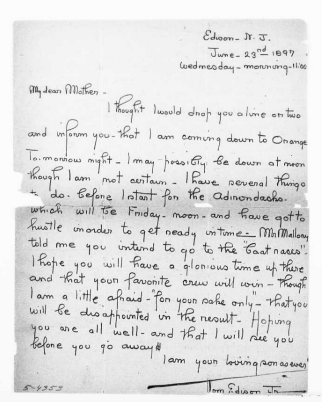
very much - and I dont seem to be able to find out what it is - I suppose I ought to see the Dotor about it - before it gets any worse - as it may lead into something very serious - for all I know - Some times I have awful pains in my sides - and they hurt me very much - I thought I would tell you mother - thinking you could advise me what to do - I am alway s hungry and have gained in weight since I have been up here - I wrote Will about Mrs E -'s visit. and expect an answer by Tuesday -
I painted a picture some time ago. for one ("two years")
of the fellows up here - He gave it to a friend of his in New York City who had it framed the other day - owing to the financial straits of its owner - she auctioned it off - with some other pictures she had - it brought to her the sum of $65.00 - which was more then she got for all the rest of the pictures - together. I feel very proud of this mother - for I had no idea it was worth anything - and above all that it would be sold for such a purpose.
Hoping you are all well - and that you will write me soon. I am as ever
your loving son
Tom -



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Author
Edison, Thomas Alva, Jr

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned
Mallory, Walter Seeley

Date
1897-06-23

Type
Letter

Subject

- Edison–Miller family
- Sports, leisure, recreation
- Travel (TAE and family)

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Edison - N. J.
June - 23rd 1897
Wednesday - morning - 11:00

My dear Mother -

I thought I would drop you a line or two and inform you - that I am coming down to Orange To-morrow night - I may possibly be down at noon though I am not certain - I have several things to do before I start for the Adirondacks. which will be Friday - noon - and have got to hustle in order to get ready in time - Mr Mallory told me you intend to go to the "Boat races" - I hope you will have a glorious time up there and that your favorite crew will win - though I am a little afraid - "for your sake only" - that you will be disappointed in the result - Hoping you are all well - and that I will see you before you go away

I am your loving son as ever

Tom Edison Jr

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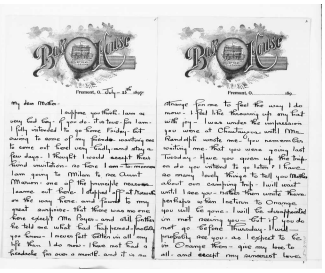

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Author
Edison, Thomas Alva, Jr

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Chautauqua Institution
- Poyer, William A
- Randolph, John F
- Edison, Marion Wallace

Date
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Subject

- Edison–Miller family
- Travel (TAE and family)
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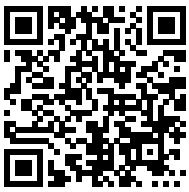

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Fremont, O. July 25th 1897

my dear Mother -

I suppose you think I am a very bad boy - if you do - it is true - for I am - I fully intended to go home Friday - but owing to some of my friends - wanting me to come out here very badly - and stay a few days - I thought I would accept their kind invitation - so here I am - ~~to-morrow~~ I am going to Milan to see Aunt Marion - one of the principle reasons I came out here - I stopped off at Norwalk on the way here - and found to my great surprise - that there was no one here except Mr Poyer - and still further he told me what had happened - probably you know - I never felt better in all my life than I do now - I have not had a headache for over a month - and it is so

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strange for me to feel the way I do now - I feel like throwing up my hat with joy - I was under the impression you were at Chautauqua - until Mr Randolph wrote me - you remember writing me - that you were going last Tuesday - Have you given up the trip - or do you intend to go later? I have so many lovely things to tell you Mother about our camping trip - I will wait until I see you - rather than write them - perhaps when I return to Orange you will be gone - I will be disappointed in not seeing you - but if you do not go before Thursday - I will - probably see you - as I expect to be in Orange then - give my love to all - and accept my sincerest love

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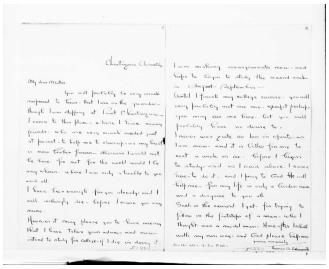
yourself - Hoping you are all well
as I am -

your loving Son

Tom



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Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Chautauqua Institution
- Edison, Thomas Alva

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Chautauqua Assembly

My dear Mother.

You will probably be very much surprised to hear - that I am on the grounds - though I am stopping at Point Chautauqua - I came to this place - where I have many friends - who are very much needed just at present - to help me to cheer up - as my heart is now broken forever - otherwise I would not be here. For not for the world would I be any wheres - where I am only a trouble to you and all.

I have been enough for you already - and I will willingly die - before I cause you any more -

However it may please you to have me say that I have taken your advice - and now intend to study for college - if I die in doing it.

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I am making arrangements now - and hope to begin to study the second week in ~~August~~ September —

Until I finish my college course - you will very probably not see me. except perhaps you may see me there. But you will probably have no desire to -

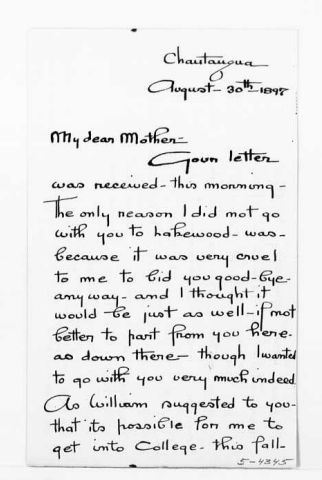
I never was quite so low in spirits - as I am now - and it is better for me to rest a week or so - before I begin to study - and as I said above. I came here - to do it - and I pray to God ~~He~~ will help me - for my life is only a burden now and a disgrace to you all.

Such is the reward I get - for trying to follow in the footsteps of a man - who I thought was a model man - Hereafter I shall walk my own way - and God please help me

8-16-97 - 3.30 P.M.

yours sincerely

5-4411 Thomas A. Edison


Chautauqua
August 30th 1897

My dear Mother
Your letter
was received this morning
The only reason I did not go
with you to Lakewood was
because it was very cruel
to me to bid you good-bye
anyway and I thought it
would be just as well if not
better to part from you here
as down there though I wanted
to go with you very much indeed
As William suggested to you
that its possible for me to
get into College this Fall

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- Chautauqua Institution
- Edison, William Leslie
- Edison, Thomas Alva

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- Edison-Miller family
- TAE opinions and prejudices
- Finances (TAE and family)
- Education

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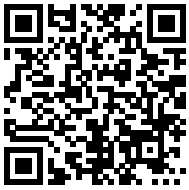

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Chautauqua
August- 30th- 1897

My dear Mother-

Your letter was received- this morning- The only reason I did not go with you to Lakewood- was- because it was very cruel to me to bid you good-bye- anyway- and I thought it would be just as well- if not better to part from you here- as down there- though I wanted to go with you very much indeed. As William suggested to you- that its possible for me to get into College- this fall-

I object very seriously to this - as it will necessitate my taking a special course - which I have no desire to do - unless - it is out of the question entirely - for me - to take a regular course — and this remains to be seen ——

My plans have not been definitely determined upon as yet - but hope they soon will be — however I will remain here until the 6th and after that - I will let you know inside of a week where I intend to go -

In one particular - "stubbornness" rules supreme over me - and when I see with my own eyes - and

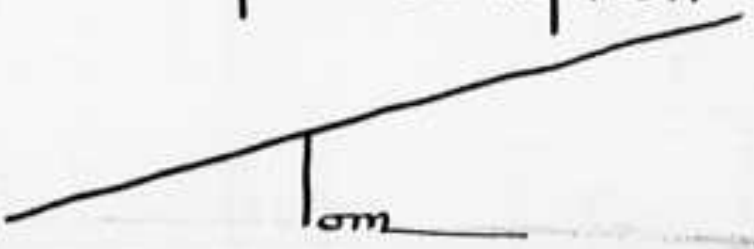
feel with my own feelings - that I have been a disappointment to you - and in consequence have wronged you in a way - no one can make me feel different - no matter how hard they try -

So please Mother darling - please do not worry or think of me any more - I love you too dearly for this - and I do not deserve to be considered by one who is so dear as you - You have been too kind and have done too much - for me already and it is not right for me - to interfer with your happiness - your happiness - that I envy so -

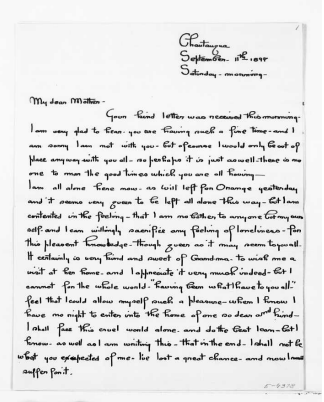
Some day - perhaps I may look upon the world

a little differently - but that day will be the day - when I feel that I am one of you - it may be months - it may be years - God only knows -
Remember me very kindly to all and believe me -

Your loving son



I will enclose a letter from father - which will show you his views upon my plans - or rather idea of entering some College -
If you will kindly return it I will be very much indebted to you - for his words are so many diamonds to me
The rest of the letter treats upon my financial position -
I told him I did not think I could afford it - without some help - his answer is enclosed -



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Author
Edison, Thomas Alva, Jr

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Chautauqua Institution
- Edison, William Leslie
- Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)
- Edison, Thomas Alva

Date
1897-09-11

Type
Letter

Subject

- Edison–Miller family
- Education
- Health and medicine

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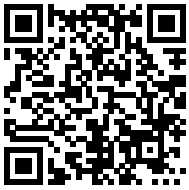

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Chautauqua
September 11th 1898
Saturday - morning -

My dear Mother -

Your kind letter was received this morning - I am very glad to hear you are having such a fine time - and I am sorry I am not with you - but of course I would only be out of place anyway with you all - so perhaps it is just as well - there is no one to mar the good times which you are all having —
I am all alone here now - as Will left for Orange yesterday and it seems very queer to be left all alone this way - but I am contented in the feeling - that I am no bother to anyone but myself - and I can willingly sacrifice any feeling of loneliness - for this pleasant knowledge - though queer as it may seem to you all - It certainly is very kind and sweet of Grandma - to wish me a visit at her home - and I appreciate it very much indeed - but I cannot for the whole world - "having been what I have to you all" - feel that I could allow myself such a pleasure - when I know I have no right to enter into the home of one so dear and kind - I shall face this cruel world alone - and do the best I can - but I know - as well as I am writing this - that in the end - I shall not be what you expected of me - I've lost a great chance - and now I must suffer for it.

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I shall study hard this year - and try to get into College next fall - When I finish College - I will try to get a position some where - and as long as I can manage to get a little salary - enough to live on and be comfortable - I shall live the rest of my days - as contented as I can - for I expect no more and I hope my friends will forgive me - if they are disappointed in my life - for I will always do my best - to please them but it is very unfortunate for me - being so young - that I should have for my life companion - I fear - unhappiness - to start with - I am spending my days here - mostly in studying - so as to be better prepared - when the time comes for me to buckle down to business - though when I shall leave here I cannot tell at present -

I had a piece of bone broken in my left elbow - and at present it is very painful - but as it is nothing serious I do not worry over it - I cannot move my arm yet - but hope to soon -

Pardon me mother - but if I did not value father's words so much - I would not ask you - to try again - and enclose his words to me - in your next letter -

Hoping to hear from you soon again - and kindly remember me to all - I am as ever

Your loving and faithful

Tom

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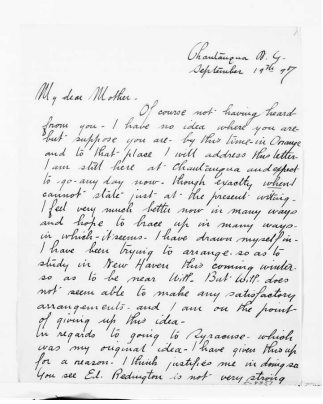

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Author
Edison, Thomas Alva, Jr

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Yale University
- Chautauqua Institution
- Edison, William Leslie
- Redington, Edward John

Date
1897-09-19

Type
Letter

Subject

- Edison-Miller family
- Education

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Chautauqua N. Y.
September 19th 97

My dear Mother.

Of course not having heard from you - I have no idea where you are - but suppose you are - by this time - in Orange and to that place I will address this letter - I am still here at Chautauqua and expect to go any day now - though exactly when I cannot state just at the present writing - I feel very much better now in many ways and hope to brace up in many ways in which - it seems - I have drawn myself in - I have been trying to arrange so as to study in New Haven this coming winter so as to be near Will. But Will does not seem able to make any satisfactory arrangements - and I am on the point of giving up this idea -
In regards to going to Syracuse - which was my original idea - I have given this up for a reason - I think justifies me in doing so You see Ed. Redington is not very strong

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and has not been for sometime - and as he has his regular amount of work to accomplish in the University. which is more work. than he really ought to do. I cannot feel as though I should impose upon his kindness - to place more work upon his weak shoulders - though he wants me to very badly - Do you see Mother my plans - as to my future - have not yet been definitely decided upon - but I have several ideas in mind. which I sincerely hope will be all right - It would pain me very much to go back to Orange - and I express no wish to do so - and yet it seems very cruel to me - to have to part from you all this way - Hoping to hear from you - when you choose to write me - and favor me with your kind dear words - with love to all.

I am yours
affectionately

Tom

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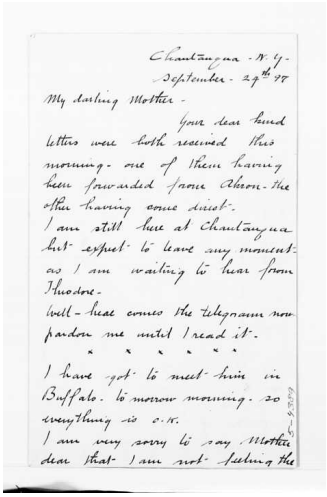

Chautauqua - N. Y. -
September - 24th 97
My darling Mother -
Your dear kind
letters were both received this
morning - one of them having
been forwarded from Akron - the
other having come direct -
I am still here at Chautauqua
but expect to leave any moment -
as I am waiting to hear from
Theodore -
Well - here comes the telegram now
pardon me until I read it -
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I have got to meet him in
Buffalo - to morrow morning - so
everything is o.k.
I am very sorry to say Mother
dear that I am not feeling the

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Author
Edison, Thomas Alva, Jr

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Chautauqua Institution
- Miller, Theodore Westwood
- Edison, Thomas Alva

Date
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Chautauqua - N. Y. -
September - 29th 97

My darling Mother -

Your dear kind letters were both received this morning - one of them having been forwarded from Akron - the other having come direct -
I am still here at Chautauqua but expect to leave any moment as I am waiting to hear from Theodore -
Well - here comes the telegram now pardon me until I read it -

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I have got to meet him in Buffalo - to morrow morning - so everything is O. K.
I am very sorry to say Mother dear that I am not feeling the

best - I could - as I have simply worried myself sick - but this morning I feel much better in every way -

Why do you worry about me Mother darling? please don't! I'll be alright - everything is surely going to turn out - alright - of course - I feel very unhappy now - but something tells me - everything is going to come out - as it ought to -

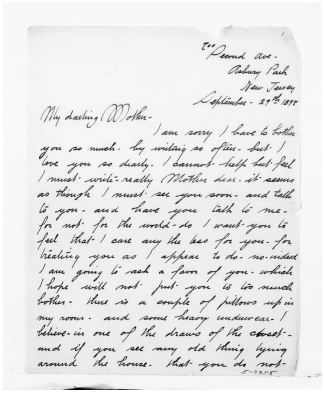
No Mother - believe me - I never can return to Orange - if you only knew what memories it would bring back to me - you would not ask me to come back - to that horrible place - and please believe me - you above all have absolutely nothing to do with my feeling this way - no - indeed

no matter what you could say to me to turn me - would my love for you change - not - in the world for I love you too dearly for that - and I could die and live with you always - but - I am sorry I feel so - towards the place - where your lovely home unfortunately is - and where music was - It is very kind indeed of you dear Mother - for you to wish to help me - the very you do - and no one knows this - much I appreciate this -

Through I have not decided definitely yet - what I intend to be this winter - but - I am fairly sure - about it - and will let you know later

until Wednesday - 29th inst - if you direct-
me as - c/o Hess Inn - Fourth Lake - Old Forge N.Y.
your letters will reach me -
You need not - be so particular about sending
fathers letter to me - any time will do - for I do not -
value them as I did -

Now Mother dearest - do not - worry about - me -
for there is no use of it - not - in the least -
and it only hurts me more to think of it -
so please don't - just - count - me out - of your dear
home for a little while - and every thing will turn
out - alright - With kisses and love to all - I am
Write soon - devotedly yours Tom



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Author
Edison, Thomas Alva, Jr

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Date
1897-09-29

Type
Letter

Subject

- Edison-Miller family
- Finances (TAE and family)
- Shipping and materials handling

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700 Second ave.
Asbury Park
New Jersey
September - 29th 1898

My darling Mother-

I am sorry I have to bother you so much. by writing so often - but I love you so dearly. I cannot help but feel I must write - really Mother dear - it seems as though I must see you soon - and talk to you - and have you talk to me - for not for the world - do I want you to feel that - I care any the less for you - for treating you as I appear to do - no - indeed I am going to ask a favor of you - which I hope will not put you to too much bother - there is a couple of pillows up in my room - and some heavy underwear - I believe - in one of the draws of the closet - and if you see any old thing lying around the house - that you do not -

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especially care for. and that you think would make my room more comfortable. indeed I would be greatly pleased to have them. as I cannot afford to buy very much. and I want my room. as comfortable as I can get it.

Now Mother if you will put all this in a box. I certainly will be very much obliged to you. and please do not give me any thing you want to keep yourself. only I thought I would ask you. thinking there may be something around. that would be just the thing for a room.

I will let you know later. where to send it. and be sure to send it. expressage collect. by the way. If I am not mistaken I am indebted to you. for a couple of express packages. which were put down on your books. if you will find out how much it was. I shall see that you get the amount. dont forget this. will you Mother

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dearest - for I always want to pay my debts - and it was very careless of me - to forget to mention this before - so please pardon me -

I feel so much better since I have decided on some plan - which I hope will prove satisfactory -

Hoping you will write me soon and that you are all well and happy

I am as ever - with much love -

Yours devotedly

Tom

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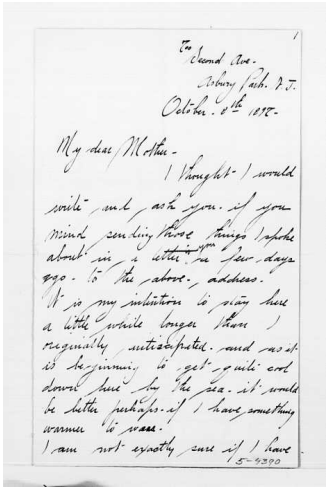

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Author
Edison, Thomas Alva, Jr

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Houghton College
- Edison, Madeleine
- Edison, Thomas Alva

Date
1897-10-08

Type
Letter

Subject

- Edison-Miller family
- TAE personality and character
- TAE opinions and prejudices
- Education

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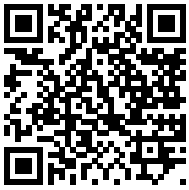

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Too Second Ave.
Asbury Park. N. J.
October. 6th 1897.

My dear Mother-

I thought I would write and ask you. if you mind sending those things I spoke about in a letter a few days ago. to the above. address.

It is my intention to stay here a little while longer than I originally anticipated. and as it is beginning to get quite cool down here by the sea. it would be better perhaps. if I have something warmer to wear.

I am not exactly sure if I have

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any heavy underwear - in Crape. or not - as I have no other way of finding out - except through you - and of course you do not appear to want me to write me very much.

I am very sorry Mother darling that I have caused you any trouble - by asking you to do this for me - and believe me it was wholly unintentional -

If I thought for one moment it would be a trouble to you - I would never have mentioned it - However it is done now - and cannot be helped - further than to ask if you have it them packed already - not to touch them - for I will buy some more.

perhaps an occasional visit- if I can afford it-

My father thought- that- after I finish college- he could give me a position some where- I would of course much rather work for him and for his interests-

But- as this is out- of the question as he will never have anything for one who is considered by him and probably others in his employ so inintelligent- I have in consequence given up all hope in this direction and- as a matter of fact- if she did offer anything to me- there would be a doubt- as to my accepting it-

You Mother- I was told to paddle my own canoe- and I am going to do it- I have been fooled enough- and am beginning to see a few things for myself

I have been seriously- very fond indeed- but- I am awake now- and we will see what will happen-

I feel very much better than I did- the blues have entirely left me-

Did Madeleine ever receive my letter at Akron? I never heard if she did, or not-

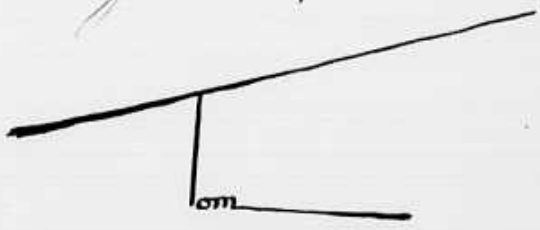
I shall always write to you darling Mother- no matter where I am- for I love you much dearer than you probably think I do- and believe me if it was not because of some cruel instances and memories- I would certainly come over to see you this very moment- perhaps this will pass over before I go west- so I must- by all means say good-bye to you

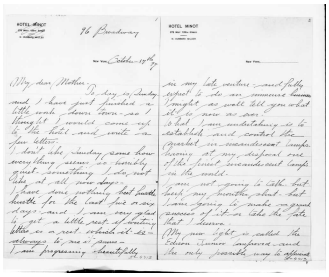
and the rest of those I love so dearly.

I could never forgive myself if I didn't think so highly of you all for this.

Well Mother - I hope you will have the time one of these days when you feel you could devote to me - a few moments - and drop me a single word - if nothing more - with my sincerest love for you Mother darling

I am always
Your loving son.





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Author
Edison, Thomas Alva, Jr

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Edison (Thomas A.) Jr Electric Lamp Co
- Miller, Lewis
- Miller, Robert Anderson
- Edison, Thomas Alva

Date
1897-10-17

Type
Letter

Subject

- Edison–Miller family
- TAE opinions and prejudices
- Finances (TAE and family)
- Management (companies and organizations)
- Incandescent lamp

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HOTEL MINOT
272 West 126th Street
N. HUBBARD MILLER

96 Broadway

New York, October 17th 97

My dear Mother-

To day is Sunday and I have just finished a little work down town - so I thought I would come up to the hotel and write a few letters-

I don't like Sunday some how everything seems so horribly quiet - something I do not like at all now days-

I have done nothing but hustle hustle for the last five or six days - and I am very glad to get a little rest - if writing letters is a rest - which it is - always to me it seems -

I am progressing beautifully in my late venture - and fully expect to do an immense business I might as well tell you what it is now as ever -

What I am undertaking is to establish and control the market in incandescent lamps. having at my disposal one of the finest incandescent lamps in the world -

I am not going to talk - but keep my mouth shut - but I am going to make a grand success of it - or take the fate that I deserve -

My new light is called the Edison Junior improved - and the only possible way to appreciate

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HOTEL MINOT
272 West 126th Street
N. HUBBARD MILLER

New York,

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HOTEL MINOT
272 West 125th Street
N. HUBBARD MILLER

New York,

what a grand lamp it is is to see it yourself.
The immese business I am undertaking can only be gotten by the following figures. the lamp is going to sell like "hot cakes" - in fact I never can fill my orders for it is simply remarkable.
I am now issuing twenty-five thousand circulars to all parts of the United States. I intend to have ten thousand agents on commision having offices in all the large cities of the United States.
The minute I give the word to go - which I hope will be

HOTEL MINOT
272 West 125th Street
N. HUBBARD MILLER

New York,

wednesday or thursday. The work begins.
The whole thing is under my direct supervision and I will control the market of the world or bust. I can do it and I am going to. Grandfather was in my office and he was over pleased to see my new lamp. Of course there is a great deal about it I am not at liberty to expose. however I call it my light for the present as I am in full charge of it.
I expect soon to be able to decide definitely if I can give Uncle Robert a position but of course it was

HOTEL MINOT
272 West 126th Street
N. HUBBARD MILLER

New York,.....

and is my ~~my~~ attention to not allow - and avoid having any one of those - of my immediate family connected with this venture of mine - for the simple reason - that it is my desire to prove to them - what I am capable of doing - after you are all satisfied I shall of course be very glad to have any one of my relatives connected with this business - or any business I may incur as I have several very valuable things - which are - and will be a great thing for the people of the world -

(Now as I am starting out - I might as well start out right

HOTEL MINOT
272 West 126th Street
N. HUBBARD MILLER

New York,.....

You may doubt my word - but of course you can do as you choose in this regard -
I hope soon to have a number of things going - though I am going along slow at first - when as I will need a great deal of assistance - and nothing in this world would suit me better than to have my own people run these things for me. I will get them started - and they can go ahead with them -
I shall first make some money out of this lamp business - and eventually start up these various things -
I want you Mother darling to

HOTEL MINOT
272 West 126th Street
N. HUBBARD MILLER

New York,

look upon me as an entirely different young fellow- than I used to be- and I shall either make you feel proud of me or die in the attempt- If no one else in this world thinks so but you- that is all I want-

Your letter is still in my pocket where it shall never leave- except to read it- over again if I can read it- though it is almost impossible now- for it is worn out- You remember the letter do you not-?

Well Brother I must close now as supper is ready- so goodbye with much love Always yours devotedly

Tom

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annex New York,

I wonder what father will think when he hears about this-? He very probably wont believe it- as is perfectly natural for him- As far as I am able to find out- it wont injure him in any way- which I wouldn't want to do for the world- but it a case of dollars and cents-

He will easily understand what I am doing when he hears about it- and it will occur to him- why he didn't think of this himself- probably he had- but he has a wrong impression of me- then to consider the advisability of mentioning it- to me- However I am going to try making some money for him if I can-

Tom

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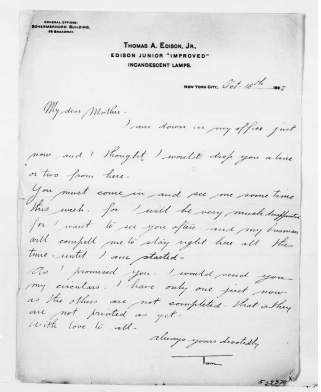

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Edison, Thomas Alva, Jr

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Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned
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Date
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95 BROADWAY.

THOMAS A. EDISON, JR.,
EDISON JUNIOR "IMPROVED"
INCANDESCENT LAMPS.

NEW YORK CITY, Oct 18th 1887

My dear Mother -

I am down in my office just now and I thought I would drop you a line or two from here -

You must come in and see me some time this week. For I will be very much disappointed for I want to see you often - and my business will compell me to stay right here all the time - until I am started -

As I promised you - I would send you my circulars - I have only one just now as the others are not completed - that is they are not printed as yet -

With love to all -

always yours devotedly

Tom

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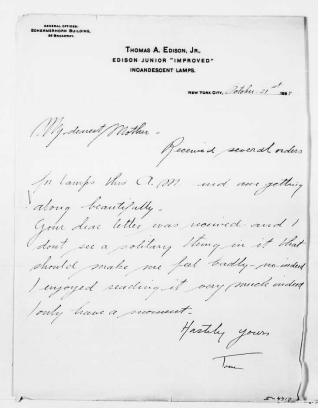

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Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned
Edison (Thomas A.) Jr Electric Lamp Co

Date
1897-10-21

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96 BROADWAY.

THOMAS A. EDISON, JR.,
EDISON JUNIOR "IMPROVED"
INCANDESCENT LAMPS.

NEW YORK CITY, October 21st 1897

My dearest Mother -

Received several orders for lamps this A.M. and are getting along beautifully -

Your dear letter was received - and I dont see a solitary thing in it that should make me feel badly - no indeed I enjoyed reading it very much indeed I only have a moment -

Hastily yours

Tom

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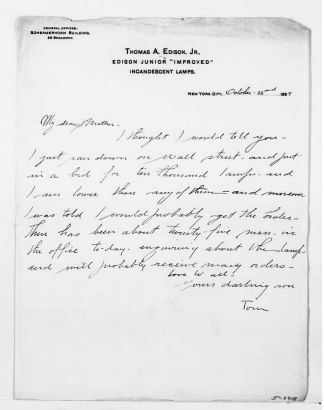

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Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned
Edison (Thomas A.) Jr Electric Lamp Co

Date
1897-10-22

Type
Letter

Subject

- Edison–Miller family
- Sales and service
- Incandescent lamp

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96 BROADWAY.

THOMAS A. EDISON, JR.,
EDISON JUNIOR "IMPROVED"
INCANDESCENT LAMPS.

NEW YORK CITY, October - 23rd 1897

My dear Mother -

I thought I would tell you -
I just ran down on Wall street - and put in a bid for ten thousand lamps - and I am lower than any of them = and moreover I was told I would probably get the order - There has been about twenty-five men - in the office to-day - enquiring about the lamps - and will probably receive many orders -

love to all -

Yours darling son

Tom

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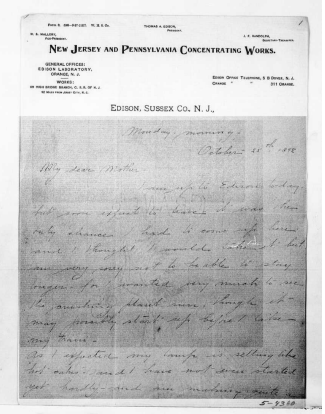

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Edison, Thomas Alva, Jr

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Edison (Thomas A.) Jr Electric Lamp Co
- New Jersey and Pennsylvania Concentrating Works

Date
1897-10-25

Type
Letter

Subject

- Edison–Miller family
- Travel (TAE and family)
- Sales and service
- Incandescent lamp
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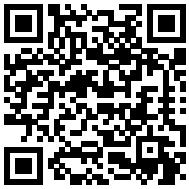

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EDISON OFFICE TELEPHONE, 5 B DOVER, N. J.
ORANGE " " 311 ORANGE.

EDISON, SUSSEX CO., N. J.,

Monday, morning -

October 28th 1898

My dear Mother -

I am up to Edison today - but am not expect to have it ready for use before the early part of next week - I had to come up here and I thought I would take it but am very sorry not to be able to stay longer - for I wanted very much to see the crushing plant run - though it may probably start up before I take my train -

As I expected my lamps is selling like "hot cakes" - and I have not even started yet hardly - and am making quite a

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ORANGE " " 311 ORANGE.

EDISON, SUSSEX CO., N. J.,

little money out of it.

If everything helps going as it has been during the last two or three days. I have thought six at least each [illegible] I have been investing for a diamond & meant still go I can come over & meet you there but it certainly seems quite an age since I was last over to Glenmont.

I hope I can manage it so I can live over there with you soon but I am [illegible] much afraid that I cannot be able to. That is as far as I can see now. This day is simply an horrible one up-stairs. Dan [illegible] all day and all the places on earth are dreary

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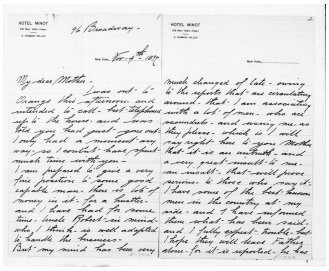
EDISON OFFICE TELEPHONE, 5 B DOVER, N. J.
ORANGE " " 311 ORANGE.

EDISON, SUSSEX CO., N. J.,

day - Edison was the worst -
How are you all this way? Is Theodore
darling? Why don't you write dear
Mother? I wish you would for you
certainly owe her that much dear
Mama I will forgive you dear but I
wonder -
But I come very, very soon - I come quick
You do not appreciate my love for
you - Mother dearest do you?
Always
Yours devotedly



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Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

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- Miller, Robert Anderson
- Edison, Thomas Alva

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- TAE name
- Education
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- Incandescent lamp

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N. HUBBARD MILLER

96 Broadway -

New York, Nov. 4th 1897

My dear Mother -

I was out to Orange this afternoon and intended to call - but telephoned up to the house and was told you had just gone out - I only had a moment anyway - so I couldn't have spent much time with you -

I am prepared to give a very fine position to some good capable man - there is lots of money in it - for a hustler - and I have had for some time - Uncle Robert in mind - who I think - is well adapted to handle the business -

But my mind has been very

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272 West 125th Street
N. HUBBARD MILLER

New York,

much changed of late - owing to the reports that are circulating around - that I am associating with a lot of men - who are scoundrels - and using me as they please - which is I will say right here to you Mother that it is an untruth - and a very great insult to me - an insult - that will prove serious - to those who say it - I have some of the best known men in the country at my side - and I have informed them what has been said - and I fully expect trouble - but I hope they will leave Father alone - for it is reported - he has

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New York,.....

expressed his opinion in this matter - though I dont- believe or never will - that- he said- what- was reported to me- is incredible - and besides he is my Father - one who I respect - and look up too - and know that- he would not- injure me -
I know what- you all think- know it- perfectly -
to you all - my name is used in connection with this new incandescent- lamp - and I have no other connection with it- am I not- right-? of course I am - but- this is your opinion of the affair - and I assure you

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N. HUBBARD MILLER

New York,.....

it- is not- mine - if you desire to think this way - very well - I am not- going to interfer -
But- since my relatives all think alike - very probably - I have no desire to- bring any of them in with me - for the simple reason - that- they would be classed as scoundrels and various other absurd titles- barring this objection - it would be a very great- pleasure to me to have - Uncle Robert- or some of the others - fill some positions that- are at- my command to- give them - but- I am sorry duply sorry - that- I cannot

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New York,

now -
There are many people - who can fill the positions - and I have so far found it - no bother - as a matter of fact - I have to refuse a great many. Only yesterday - I gave one of the best known men - in the New England States - the sole agency for my lamp for those states - he offered me a large sum for this - but - I refused - for the simple reason that - I am not conducting my business that way -
I wanted the money badly - but - my principles of business must not be broken - I have my

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HOTEL MINOT
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N. HUBBARD MILLER

New York,

own ideas - and I am going to conduct them accordingly - The business itself is going along beautifully - and I certainly anticipate a great success - regardless of all these absurd reports - that are not even opinions - but assertions - but they have no foundations whatever - they are talking about something they know nothing about -
However I am sorry that this has happened - for I am afraid my friends - are insulted - and will consequently cause trouble - They can all call me what they wish - but - I am deeply

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N. HUBBARD MILLER

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New York,.....

sorry that- my friends are concerned in this low contemptable-proceeding. But- I shall write no more about- this matter. this only worries you- it- must- be- but- please- allow me to just-aside that- feeling you have. that- I am in the hands of bad people- you certainly can believe me- if no one else in the world can- and I hope you will-

Just- as soon as I get- this started- according to my own ideas of business- I am going to study- and prepare for college. I dont- know how you feel towards me- since these reports

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New York,.....

are going around- but- I hope your interest and regard for me- has not- changed- if it has- please- for my sake- do not- say so to me- it- would prove serious to me- I believe- for I love you- and think of you too dearly- to hear that- your interest- in me has gone.

Believe me always-

Your loving friend

Tom

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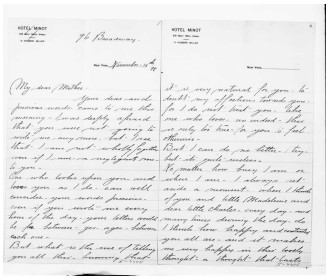

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Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

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- Edison (Thomas A.) Jr Electric Lamp Co
- Edison, Charles
- Edison, Madeleine
- Edison, Thomas Alva

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- TAE personality and character
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N. Hubbard Miller

96 Broadway.

New York, November 13th 98

My dear Mother -

Your dear - and precious words came to me this morning - I was deeply afraid that you were not going to write me any more - but I see that I am not wholly forgotten even if I am a negligent son to you -

One who looks upon you and loves you as I do - can well consider your words precious - even if you wrote me every hour of the day - your letters would be far between - yes - ages - between each one -

But what is the use of telling you all this - knowing that -

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N. Hubbard Miller

New York,

it is very natural for you - to doubt my affections towards you - for I do not treat you - like one who loves - no indeed - this is only too true - for you to feel otherwise -

But I can do no better - I try - but it is quite useless -

No matter how busy I am or where I am - I always set aside a moment - when I think of you and little Madeleine and dear little Charles - every day - and many times during the day - do I think how happy and contented you all are - and it makes me very happy in this lonely thought - a thought that lasts

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272 West 126th Street
N. HUBBARD MILLER

New York,.....

but - a moment - but - rules supremeee over my heart - while it - lasts -
That - letter - that - has never left - its - sacred place - nearest my heart - binds me nearer and nearer to - you darling Mother - I dont - know why - but - it - does -
I always felt - that - you had very little interest - in me until that - letter favored me with a call - a call that - shall never leave my memory - a visit - that compels me to acknowledge - I was mistaken -
I am told quite - often by my father - that - I am very impractical and I do not - doubt - it - in

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New York,.....

the least - but - hope you will pardon me Mother darling if I appear so to - you - while I am trying to - change -
But - it - is a difficult - matter to change ones nature - in a short time - and it - may take a very long time before I get - so - that - my methods and ideas are practical in the eyes of some - but - I shall go on trying just - the same - for discouragement shall never from now on cross my path -
I am having a real taste of life in this late adventure of mine - and how dreadfully insignificant we all are

HOTEL MINOT
272 West 126th Street
N. HUBBARD MILLER

New York,.....

any way - you cannot realize it until you are out in the world - as I am now -
Mother darling - this business - yes - I may say - any business of this character - is conducted on principles that - are in the eyes of an honest man - a scandal - one mass of untruths - and worked by men - who are honest at home - but - AI liars in the field of business - I catch them every day - trying their best to down me - by telling lies - they succeed some times - because I do not lie myself -
I have only told one or two lies

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New York,.....

so far but - I plainly see - that I will have to continue - which is hard - I assure ~~you~~ you -
Every man is for himself it seems - and they have no regard for a single soul except - themselves -
But - it's a great experience for me - it - is simply grand - My inability to cope with men of experience is a great - trial for discouragement - but - it will
~~love~~ love -
I am sorry I cannot - be with you ~~to-day~~ to-morrow - it seems so awfully long since I have seen you - I feel I must - see you soon - Give my love to all - and ~~write~~ soon again -
yours
Tom

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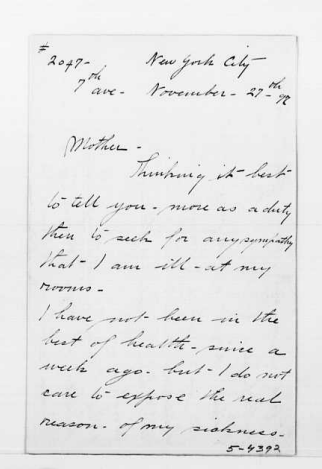

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Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Edison (Thomas A.) Jr Electric Lamp Co
- Conley, Owen J
- Edison, Thomas Alva

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Mother -

Thinking it best to tell you - more as a duty than to seek for any sympathy that - I am ill - at my rooms -

I have not been in the best of health - since a week ago - but - I do not care to expose the real reason - of my sickness -

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though I do not hesitate in saying - that a great deal is due to my continually worrying over the treatment. I have received at the hands of my family - since I have been in business.

I have been greatly disappointed and I am very much afraid it will prove very serious to me - However I do not care to say any more - only I sincerely hope - that if this does prove serious

to me - you all will feel better satisfied -

Please don't come near Wednesday I am in very great hands - and my friends will - if I am unable to - keep you informed as to my condition -

My business is temporarily in the hands of Mr Owen Cooley - until I am able to attend to it myself -

but- if anything happens to me-
he will go on with it.
This is undoubtedly a surprise to
you Mother- but it is no surprise
to me- I anticipated it- long ago.
I knew all along that I could never
stand- the little interest you have all
taken in me- and unless it- changed
I would worry myself sick- which I
have unfortunately- and it- may

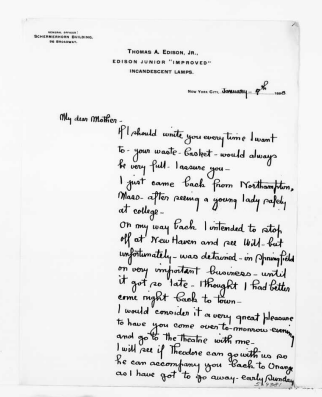
turn out very bad for me-
Please don't say anything
to father about, my
being ill-

Dry wood - you wish
to send to, our address
my rooms -

With my dearest love to
all those who care for
me a little -
I am for a little while
longer -

your affectionate son

Tom



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- Brush, May
- Miller, Theodore Westwood
- Edison, William Leslie

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96 BROADWAY.

THOMAS A. EDISON, JR.,
EDISON JUNIOR "IMPROVED"
INCANDESCENT LAMPS.

NEW YORK CITY, January – 9th 1898

My dear Mother –

If I should write you every time I want to – your waste – basket – would always be very full – I assure you –
I just came back from Northampton, Mass – after seeing a young lady safely at college –
On my way back I intended to stop off at New Haven and see Will – but unfortunately – was detained – in Springfield on very important business – until it got so late – I thought I had better come right back to town –
I would consider it a very great pleasure to have you come over to-morrow evening and go to the theatre with me –
I will see if Theodore can go with us so he can accompany you back to Orange as I have got to go away – early Sunday

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NEW YORK CITY, ... 189

Morning to Washington –
I will meet you at Christopher street at any time you appoint –
Will see Theodore this evening – and see if he can go with us –
Kindly answer by messenger – your decision – so I will know immediately –
lovingly yours

Tom

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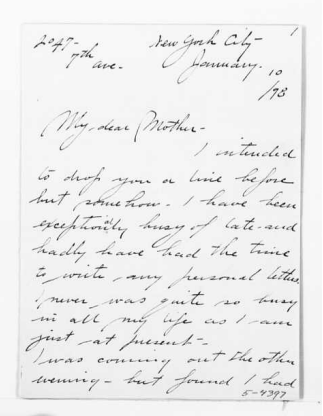

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- New York Electrical Society
- American Institute of Electrical Engineers
- Edison (Thomas A.) Jr Electric Lamp Co
- Edison, William Leslie
- Serviss, Garrett Putnam
- Edison, Thomas Alva
- Exhibition. N.Y. City Electrical (1898)

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- Celebrations (anniversaries, birthdays, holidays)
- Newspapers, books, other publications
- Theater
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2047-
7th ave.

New York City-
January. 10
/98

My dear Mother-

I intended to drop you a line before but somehow - I have been exceptionally busy of late - and hadly have had the time to write any personal letters. I never was quite so busy in all my life as I am just at present-

I was coming out the other evening - but found I had

conducting - which I am glad to say is more important than the lamp business.

I have also just been elected as one of the committee for that great Electrical Exposition - which is to be held in Madison Square Garden next May. and I am working on some plans for it now.

Also I am to read a paper on the incandescent lamp before the Electrical Society very soon - and I am working hard on this paper.

to go every now and then to Orange I expect to go to the theatre with Mr. Edison almost every evening. I should expect that every Thursday evening the factory will be closed from 12 o'clock Saturday night to Monday morning. I am very glad that I left until the [illegible] I succeeded [illegible] eyesight me - and I will be able to go home the evening -

The incandescent lamp [illegible] is growing [illegible] very rapidly - also other [illegible] that I have

these to-gether with my regular business keeps me busy all the time - as you can perhaps imagine - I hope soon to be a member of the Society of Electrical Engeerners - and I am working hard for this honor. so far to-gether with several prominent members - ~~[illegible]~~ of juniors - I am going to do it - which is very encouraging indeed -

I notice by the Journal that father has invented flying machines and etc - to attach Mars - and a story

is to appear This week[5]
entitled "Edison's Conquest
of Mars"
Very probably he is not aware
that such an article is in
existence - but it is creating
quite a stir over in the
City nevertheless - as I hear it
talked about a great deal.
People come right in to my
office - and ask me if it
is true - and if I have any
thing to do with it.
The papers have wanted
me to give them permission
to print a story about me.
but fortunately I shut them

was a little while ago -
To-day is my birthday - thought it is hard to believe I am twenty two years old - less of all - that to-day is my birthday - it hasn't seemed so to me -
I can think of nothing more to write just now - but will not write again until I hear from you -
By the way - William said he would send over a few things

such arrangement by - so I may not getting any answers out of me - they could to write something - nothing startled me Father -
I guess the is able to stand it - I am sure - like Frank that cause out against me cause there is God - and he very Trial and Chastened. but I hope he asked Them off - and me about it.
Pa me more about it -
Your unsolvent Sister me Mrs Olney Mother - and the Boy Hugh Willhat - and etc -
I look at myself - and wonder if I have the Patience

for me - as he must to have forgotten it - I thought I would ask you again to kindly see that they are sent - my pillow anyway - as that I consider very close to me -

If it is too much trouble - I will send someone over and you can tell him when it is - and he will deliver it to me -

Affectionately

Tom